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Title: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR INTERACTIVE RENTAL INFORMATION RETRIEVAL AND MANAGEMENT**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith copies of documents known to applicant and his counsel which he believes may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

The subject application is a divisional of US Patent Application Serial No. 09/532,563, which was filed on March 22, 2000. The following references are cited with respect to this patent:

1. PHH advertisement: "Fleet Imagination", no date;
2. PHH Arval advertisement: "Fleet Imagination", no date;
3. PHH Arval advertisement: "Champions of Fleet Management", no date;
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22. Dickey, Sam, "The Real Information Highway", Beyond Computing, November/December 1999;

23. "Double Vision - Holding Up A Mirror of Data To Your Customers", CIO, November 1, 1999; and

24. "PHH Named One of Information Week's 'E-Business 100'", Newswire, December 16, 1999.

The subject application as enclosed herewith is a new Divisional Application of the parent patent application identified above. In the above identified parent patent application, a Request for Restriction was made to the following group of claims: I. Claims 1-14; II. Claims 15-27; and III. Claims 28-48. Applicants elected in the parent application to prosecute Claims 28-49, and an Office Action was issued with an examination of the elected claims. Now, Applicants file a Divisional application which presents claims 1-32. Of the present claims in this Divisional application, claims 1-13 hereof correspond to claims 15-27 of Group II of the parent application, whereas the remaining claims are newly drafted. In particular, new claims 1-13 as presented in this Divisional Patent application relate to Group II of claims. Applicants respectfully assert that the remaining claims 11-32 also related to the subject matter of Group II claims and should also be examined with new claims 1-13 in this Divisional application. Applicants do not waive any rights to present in still further new Divisional Patent Applications claims that correspond to Group I of claims 1-14 and to Group III of claims 32-46 of the parent application.

In the above identified parent Patent Application, an Office Action dated March 28, 2003 was issued. In this Office Action, Applicants and Assignee of the parent application were required under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.105 to identify publications embodying the disclosed subject matter of a method and system for managing data related to transactions of a single supplier and facilitation user access to specific data regarding transactions. Applicants, the assignee-Avis, PHH Interactive and the undersigned has made a good faith effort to identify and cite all related reference from PHH Interactive and Avis Interactive.

To that end, we filed this Information Disclosure Statement, which lists documents related to Avis Interactive and PHH Interactive. These documents are listed in Form

PTO/SB/08A and is enclosed in duplicate. Copies of the cited publications are enclosed herewith.

Applicants have not cited by this Statement any reference with an effective date later than March 22, 2000, the filing date of the above identified parent application.

Articles 1, 2, 3 and 4 do not have a date of publication. Therefore, even if these articles are listed on Form PTO/SB/08A, Applicants are unable to confirm whether these articles are publications in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §102(B).

Further, article 5 is a series of screens, which are stored on a database and which were downloaded to in part explain the operation of the PHH Interactive. As indicated by the copyright notices, this database has been continuously revised from 1998 to 2003. As indicated on the screen identified as "Client/Breakdown Retails", there is a number of services which a user may access by clicking on the corresponding button. PHH has informed the undersigned that the only services implemented before March 22, 1999 were the " My Company" services and the auto purchasing services; the remaining services find no correspondence to any of the features or aspects of the claims of this divisional application.

Also enclosed are the Notice of References Cited and Information Disclosure Statement By Applicant which are part of the above identified parent application.

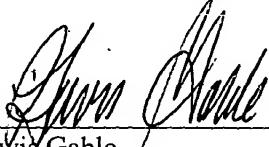
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Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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